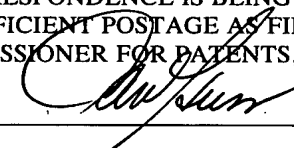


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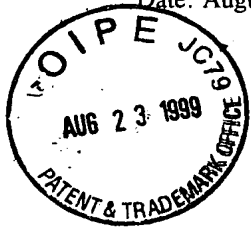
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Sir:

This reply is filed pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.111 on or before its current due date of August 19, 1999, together with a three-month extension of time. Also enclosed are Declarations Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 by inventors Harrison, Li, Szarka and Smith.

In reply to the Office Action, entry of the following amendments and consideration of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

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